On the Death of the Illustrious

GEORGE

Duke of ALBEMARLE.

SO stoops our great *Alcides*, *MONCK*, whose brow
Would ne'r learn what Submission meant till now:
Whose wisest Conduct, and whose watchful Care,
Still spake him *Great* in th' bold Intrigues of War:
Whose mighty Prowess Trophies could afford
For Victories still breathing from his Sword:
Whose fiercer Arm bred Terrour where it fought,
And every Limb he wore was *Castriot*.
Thrice greater yet, since *GEORGE* could overcome,
And fix a Peace from Civil Wars at home;
A nobler way, and less expensive too,
Then ere wise *Homer* made his *Heroes* do:
First *Britains* greatest Tyranny withstood,
Then taught the way to Conquest without Blood;
Reviv'd a dying Scepter, sav'd a Crown,
Call'd back *Great* CHARLES, and fixt him in his own.
And when Heavens Agent's strangest work was done,
(By that Almighty Providence begun)
Sate down and kiss'd Reward with humble sense,
Showr'd on his head with Royal Influence;
Where his wise Counsel shew'd, his Head could fare
As well in Peace, as once his Arms in War.
At last, (with Worth still fraught) took leave, and so,
Dy'd Gracious with his King and Country too;
Where now he's grown Immortal, and with us
Greater, then ere St. *George* of *Cappadoce*.
Athens could never boast of things like these,
Though she too had her *Great Themistocles*.
Rome's Founder was with's Brothers bloud aspersi,
Which made their Godds give out he was accurst,
Though the blinde common people now thought most
Their King was Godd, when *Romulus* was lost.
Their *Good Camillus's* Triumph was too high,
And *Coriolanus* dy'd unhandsomely.
'Twas onely *GEORGE* all Wonder could put on,
'Twas onely *GEORGE* could grasp Perfection.
Ungrateful then, if we no Tears allow
To him that gave us Peace and Freedom too:
Let all with Sable Colours in our Isle
Fall down, and spend a sigh at's Funeral-pile.
May his *Great Story* last, may *GEORGE's* Name
Live long, and flourish by the mouth of *Fame*.

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